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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Alana M. Harris, Ph.D. (3) _____.

(2) Janice Lee. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 21 April 2009.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-10.

Identification of prior art discussed: _____.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Ms. Lee requested clarity regarding the pending 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph rejection of claims 1-10. The Examiner further clarified the vagueness of claim 9 stems from claim 1, wherein removal of a sample is required. The Examiner further noted she would reconsider the rejection when a written response from Applicants is received. .

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Alana M. Harris, Ph.D./ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1643	
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